

ISLAMIC ORGANIZATION of NORTH AMERICA

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IONA Masjid Temporary Suspension of Prayers

In light of the challenges of the Corona virus and the second wave overwhelming rise in the COVID-19 cases and for the safety and well-being of our community, while in consultation with the Imams Council of Michigan and medical experts, **IONA masjid Board has decided to suspend all prayers including Jumu'ah congregational prayer effective Friday, November 20, 2020.** We will, in sha Allah, be broadcasting the weekly Jumu'ah (Friday sermon) live at 1:00 PM through IONA's YouTube channel (IONA Multimedia).

Al-hamdilillah, to date, no COVID-19 cases have been reported at IONA and the board's proactive approach is to keep everyone safe and to be part of the solution to help bring down the number of cases.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. We will keep you updated, in sha Allah. We call upon our communities to respond with care and concern for the well-being of all. We thank you in advance for your understanding and helping us stay safe.

May Allah (SWT) protect us from this deadly and other diseases, ameen.

You may want to visit Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus for the latest update on COVID-19,

The best prevention for viruses, such as influenza, the common cold or COVID-19 is to:

- Wear a mask when in public and social gatherings.
- Practice social distancing.
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- If you are sick, stay home, and avoid contact with others.

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IONA's mission is to transform its members and help transform the surrounding communities to righteous, God-fearing people, who collectively strive for the highest moral standard and constantly seek forgiveness from our Creator to earn His pleasure. We seek His compassion and mercy in this life and in the hereafter. We rejuvenate our soul through internal struggle and spiritual exercise in worship of our creator God. The strength of our belief in God gives us the courage to establish good and forbid evil, thus promoting a system of justice for all mankind.